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The Honorable Ken Bennett  
President  
Arizona State Senate  
1700 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Senate Bill 1499: corporate tax credit, tuition organizations

Dear President Bennett:

After speaking with you and Speaker Weiers on Monday, I have decided not to veto Senate Bill 1499. Instead, I will allow it to become law without my signature.

I am doing so because you have stated that the resolution of this \$5 million tuition tax credit is a prerequisite to our working together to take up larger matters that are important to the future of our state. Although we are 80 days into this legislative session, the legislature still has not addressed such crucial needs as increasing teacher pay, implementing voluntary full day kindergarten, funding a significant research investment with the private sector, recruiting and retaining more DPS and corrections officers, enacting tough new anti-methamphetamine legislation, developing a comprehensive border initiative, repaying the fiscal bridges we've relied on in lean years, planning for our transportation infrastructure, or providing additional healthcare options for working Arizonans. These and other issues set forth in the budget I sent you in January deserve our focused attention.

With the tuition tax credit now behind us, I call upon you to turn immediately to the remaining work at hand and develop a bipartisan budget that reflects Arizonans' priorities and moves Arizona forward. I look forward to meeting with you to work on a budget that will make Arizona safer, stronger and even more prosperous.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano".

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

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cc: The Hon. Jim Weiers  
The Hon. Dean Martin